



# SECURITY FORCES OFFICER

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## HOME UNIT/BASE:

92nd Security Forces Squadron,  
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## CURRENT UNIT/BASE:

Detachment 3, 732nd Expeditionary  
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## HOMETOWN:

Westlake, Ohio

## ENTERED AIR FORCE:

June 2004

## DEPLOYMENTS:

Southwest Asia, 2005

## MARITAL STATUS:

Married

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I love everything about my job. Security forces gives young company grade officers the opportunity to lead, and not just in a stable or corporate environment, but on the battlefield. My job requires me to be the best I can be, physically, emotionally and mentally. It puts the fit-to-fight concept into play every day. I love that my job is challenging and pushes me to think on my feet. But most of all, I love working with ground troops. I've worked with, and been mentored by, some of the absolute best Airmen, noncommissioned and senior NCOs out there. The discipline and professionalism of security forces makes me so proud to be a part of it. There is nothing more exciting than being one of the defenders of the force. That's what the military is all about!

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